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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Part B for December 1918.

SUBJECT.

Forms for enquiry & report of the action taken on a representation from certain gentlemen of Hubli in connection with the export of food grains from the State.

Pl 134 To. K.R. Valoker Esq,
Chairman, Grain Association
Hubli.

No. G 12758 & 28-12-18

I am to say that under the present condition of food supply in the State, it is not possible to allow the ~~food grains~~ export of the commodities.

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122	To The Rev Commissioner No 5024 dated 9.11.1918 Forwards for enquiry and report the action taken on a representation from a certain gentleman of Hubli in connection with the export of foodgrains from the State.
123.	From The Rev Commissioner No 756 Dy 21.12.1918 In reply to above, sends in original the report received from the D.C. Chitaldrug in the matter of the representation referred to therein. Chief Secy's order P.S. Please put up with papers. Initd C.B. 24/12/1918
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	We have agreed

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to allow the export of 100 additional tons of Food Grains from this State to Bombay. It is not known if any portion of this quantity yet remains to be exported.

Should there be still a margin, the Dir of C.S may be asked to inform Govt that if he presents an application through the D.C.S. Bombay, it will be taken into Consideration. If the whole quantity should have been exported already, Govt will have to be informed that no (further) export can be permitted.

Chudleigh 24/12/18

The representation was sent to the Rev. Commr for disposal & report, but he only forwards the report of the D.C Chitaldrug without even an expression of opinion.

The D.C's report shows that the applicants (or rather their agent at Davangere) have not been acting quite straight as regards the delivery of a certain quantity of grain as agreed

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To

K. R. Valvekar Esq
Chairman Grain Association
Hubli

No. S. 12758 of 28-12-18

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P.P. 56-18-122

Immediate.

D.O.No: 504 rec'd

General & Revenue Secretariat.
Bangalore, dated, 29th Nov.,'18.

My Dear Srinivasiengar,

I enclose a representation from a certain gentleman of Hubli presented to the Dewan this morning in connection with the export of certain food-grains from Davanagere to Hubli. The Dewan will be glad, if a reasonable decision is reached without delay and a definite reply given to the parties concerned

I hope you will be able to deal with the matter in consultation with the officers concerned and let me know the result of the action taken.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) C.S.B

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Office of the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

GEN. CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH

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D.O. No. 756

Bangalore 21st December 1918

My Dear Balasundaram Iyer,

With reference to your D.O. letter No. C.B.504 dated the 29th November 1918 in the matter of a representation from certain gentlemen of Hubli in connection with the export of Jola from Davangere, I send here with in original the report received from the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, together with its enclosures, for the information and orders of Government.

Yours sincerely,

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,

Chitaldrug District.

Dated Camp Holalkere, 16th December 1918.

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Dear sir,

In reply to your D. O. of the 2nd instant, calling for a report in the matter of a representation made to the Dewan Sahib by certain gentlemen from Hubli in connection with the detention of some bags of jola purchased by them at Davangere, I beg to state as follows:-

IMMEDIATE

At a meeting of the merchants held at Davangere on the 7th October 1918 several of the merchants present were of opinion that as rains had been holding off and the prospects of the season were not quite as bright as a few days before, it was not desirable as had been suggested some time previously to allow the export of jola in consideration of foreign stock holders making all their ragi available for local consumption as jola was the staple food of a very large section of the people in Davangere and Harihar not to speak of the other parts of the District. But as it was understood that the Director of Civil Supplies was under some obligation to send some waggons of food stuffs to the Bombay Government, I requested him to let me know what exactly was the extent of this obligation so that an idea could be formed about the quantity that might be allowed to be exported, and in reply he stated that he could meet his obligations for export to Bombay from other parts of the State, and that I need not recommend any jola to be sent out simply to help him to fulfil his obligations.

On the 30th October 1918 I wrote to the Director of Civil Supplies stating that owing to the seriousness of the situation it was not desirable as had been suggested by some to allow all the jola to be exported in lieu of ragi as above, but that a certain proportion only of the jola might be so allowed, the rest being made available for local use. In order that this and other questions might well be discussed and settled finally on the spot, we met at Davangere on the 11th November 1918, and held a meeting to which

local as well as foreign merchants were invited. It was then decided that those who wanted to exported jola should give one-third of their stock at Rs 8 per palla for local consumption and be allowed to export the rest, and also that those who wanted to avai themselves of this concession should apply at once and make necessary arrangements for delivery of the one-third portion of their stock. Some of the merchants who were present, immediately put in necessary applications on this condition, and obtained priority certificates on the spot, while several others were hesitating and would not accept the terms offered. Mr. Chaturbhuj Set mentioned i the petition under reference was one of these latter, and would no come to terms in the meeting in the morning. He made several repre sentations and protests against the conditions imposed, and it was not till late in the evening in the course of the 2nd meeting that he agreed to abide by the terms along with the others and to deliver 293 bags of jola in consideration of 587 bags to be allowe to be exported. The priority certificate issued in his favor was along with a number of such others handed over to the District Economic Superintendent to be delivered to the respective parties after their compliance with the conditions imposed.

Enquiries showed that the clamour that jola had all become deteriorated and rotten which by the way was one of the chief reasons that led all concerned to consent to allow some jola to be exported, was highly exaggerated, and that only a portion of it had been so spoilt and that the merchants were trying to palm off the rotten quantity for local consumption and export the reall good jola for sale. I accordingly warned the District Economic Superintendent that only good jola should be accepted, and priorit certificates issued only on production of receipts from the Food Stuffs Committee.

The next day Mr. H. Subba Rao and another of the Food Stuffs Committee came and saw me at Harihar and complained to me that the foreign merchants were not disposed to give good jola and were contending that the Food Stuffs Committee should accept

one-third of whatever stock was available, and that some of them had gone to the extent of saying, that the good jola in their godowns did not belong to them, and that they had no power to make it available to the Food Stuffs Committee. Enquiries showed that these merchants had kept their stock in various places, and they alone knew where the good portion of their stock was stored, and it would be well nigh hopeless, if not impossible, to test each bag and trace out the good jola from the several godowns, whose number was legion. It was also represented that as in one case the District Economic Superintendent had issued priority certificate in spite of non-production of the receipt from the Food Stuffs Committee, the merchants had got encouraged and became all the more obstinate.

With a view to ascertain further details, I wired to the District Economic Superintendent to come and see me at Harihar the same evening, and all those who had thus pleaded inability to give good jola, also came with him and wanted to plead excuses. They desired that the whole of their stock might be examined, and the best of what they had might be selected and taken for local consumption, and wanted to assure me that they had no good jola at all, and they could not go and buy it for delivery &c. But I made them distinctly to understand that none but good jola would be accepted, and that the responsibility was on them to give it and not on me or the Food Stuffs Committee to search and select it, and that there was absolutely no other alternative in the matter. This, as was expected had the desired effect, and good jola was easily forthcoming the very next day, and the Food Stuffs Committee had no difficulty whatever in taking the one-third share as arranged, and several consignments were allowed to be exported.

The chief representative of the Hubli Grain Association as he is called By the Food Stuffs Committee, or "Our clerk" as he is termed in the representation to the Dewan, was one of these, and his conduct was worse than that of the rest. Not only did he plead at first that he had no good jola to spare and all of it was rotten but when he actually pointed out good jola the next day in his godown, and the Food Stuffs Committee agreed to take it, and sent

men the next morning with bags to measure it out, he had somehow become non-est, while the others present pleaded that as he had gone to Hubli, the whole transaction had to await his arrival! Not having succeeded in his first attempt, he apparently went to Hubli to take instructions for future conduct. However as no information was given to the Food Stuffs Committee for two days, the latter go back their bags, and no delivery of the jola could be taken from this firm. A copy of letter No. 1275 dated 5th December 1918 from the Food Stuffs Committee on the subject is herein enclosed for information.

It has to be noted in this connection that the chief representative of the Hubli Association quite contrary to the above gave the District Economic Superintendent to understand that the Food Stuffs Committee were unnecessarily delaying the transaction from some motives of their own, and he was being harassed and put to serious inconvenience owing to this delay on their part. He came to me with a similar complaint, but in the course of the enquiry I held on the 17th November at Davangere, the Food Stuffs Committee proved by the admission of the agents and representatives &c of the Hubli Association themselves, that their chief representative was the person at fault and the whole trouble was due to himself! However as by the time the chief representative of the Hubli Association returned from Hubli, the stock taking operations had commenced, and along with him several other merchants demanded permission for the export of large quantities of jola, The petitioner and others were informed that it was not possible at that stage to grant any such permission till the stock-taking operations were over, and the needs of the District were definitely ascertained

While the actual facts are such, the allegations in para 6 of the petition under advertence need no comment.

But with a view to give an idea of how some of the foreign merchants are behaving, I may state here for your information, that one merchant who had solemnly made us believe that he had no more than 75 bags of jola and had furnished this information in writing

to the Food Stuffs Committee, as soon as he learnt on the 11th November that two-thirds of the quantity would be allowed to be exported, and priority certificates were to be issued for the sam he came forward with an application that he had 275 bags of jola and he might similarly be permitted to export 184 bags, forgettin altogether that he had given out his stock as no more than 75 bags!!

Since there are several other merchants who are equally anxious to export their stock of jola from Davangere and have already obtained priority certificates therefor to the extent of some two thousand bags, I regret I cannot recommend the grant of this request, especially in view of the fact that it was made qui clear in the Deputy Commissioners' meeting at Bangalore that this District should be self-maintained, and can expect no help from other Districts and for the same reason no demand would be made o the resources of this District.

Yours sincerely,

K. R. SRINIVASIENGAR ESQUIRE M.A.,
REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,
B A N G A L O R E.

Letter No.1275 dated 5th December 1918 from the President, Food Stuffs Committee, Davangere, to the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug.

With reference to your letter asking us to explain the circumstances under which grain relating to Hubli Association was not taken delivery of, we beg to state as follows:-

1. In the first instance they showed us worm eaten jawari 300 bags to be taken delivery of, which we declined. They said that it was what they would offer and if we don't choose to take them. we may drop the subject.

2. We informed them that if they should show us the whole of their stock 900 bags we may examine and make our selection, as the orders of the Deputy Commissioner was only to receive good jawari.

3. Second day, they again came and volunteered saying that the whole stock was open to inspection. We accordingly went and selected good stuff which they promised to measure next morning.

4. The following day empty bags were sent with hamals and clerk but was given to understand that as their chief representative had gone to Hubli, had to await till his return.

5. As no information was received for two following days, the empty bags lying with them were got back, and there has been no delivery taken.

Further we beg to state that these circumstances were represented to you in person at the Travellers' Bungalow Davangere which we hope you will recollect.

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" C O P Y."

Deputy Commissioner,

S.V. Chitaldrug District.

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To

Sir. M. Visvesvaraya, K. C. I. E.,

Diwan Mysore.

The humble representation of

the Hubli Grain Association

Most respectfully sheweth:

That when the grain merchants began to raise the prices of food-grains unduly high and the rise was keenly felt by the poor classes the Association was started in February last to give relief to them by purchasing food-grains and selling them at cost-price without making any profit.

(2) The funds of the Association were raised by subscriptions and consist of capital to purchase food-grains and sinking fund to meet the expenses and losses. The amount subscribed to the capital shall be returned to the members, who subscrib-ed it, on the dissolution of the Association and no interest will be paid on that amount. The amount subscribed to the Sinking Fund is utilized to meet the expenses and losses.

(3) The funds of the Association now amount to Rs36,000, the capital amounting to Rs26,000 and Sinking Fund to Rs10,000.

(4) Since February last the Association has been carrying on its operations. It has checked the inflation of prices to a great extent. The Association has also been performing the functions of the Advisory Committee there being no other Committee appointed in Hubli either by the Municipality or Government. The Municipality has contributed Rs6,000 to the capital and Rs1,000 to the Sinking Fund. The Association has been regulating the prices and recommending the applications of merchants for passes under the orders of the Collector

(5) In August last the Association purchased at Davangeri Jolam 890 bags at the rate of about 4½ seers per rupee and Ragi 347 bags at the rate of 7¼ seers per rupee. The Association has not yet been allowed to take these grains to Hubli.

(6) The Director of Civil Supplies had visited Davangeri on the 11th of this month. Then Mr. Chaturbhuj Shet, who is a member of the Association, was sent there as representative of the Association to see and request him to allow the Association to take to Hubli the Jolam and Ragi purchased by it. The Director of Civil Supplies and the Deputy Commissioner told Mr. Chaturbhuj Shet that they would allow the Association to take two-thirds of the total quantity of Jolam purchased by them and the one-third, which would be detained there, would be purchased by them at Rs8½ per Palla of 100 seers, which comes to (11¼?) seers per rupee; and as to Ragi they would not allow it to be exported. Mr. Chaturbhuj having had no other alternative but to accede to what they said, agreed to their proposal. Thereupon the Director of Civil Supplies issued a certificate No.208905 of 11-11-1918 for the export of 587 bags of Jolam to Hubli and asked Mr. Chaturbhuj Shet to deliver the remaining 293 bags to the Deputy Commissioner there. He gave the certificate to the Deputy Commissioner and asked him to hand it over to Mr. Chaturbhuj Shet after the delivery of 293 bags to him. Mr. Chaturbhuj instructed the clerk of the Association to deliver 293 bags to the Deputy Commissioner and to bring 587 bags to Hubli and himself returned to Hubli. Afterwards the clerk went to the Deputy Commissioner and requested him to take delivery of 293 bags and allow the transport of 587 bags to Hubli. The Deputy Commissioner did not make any order for taking delivery of 293 bags and for giving the certificate to the Association clerk who was asked to wait. Since then the Deputy Commissioner has been putting off the matter for some reason or other; sometimes it was said that the Jolam of the Association would be rejected by them if not of quality approved by them and then 293 bags of good Jolam should be bought by the Association and delivered t them; sometimes it was said that the rate of Rs8½ a Palla would not be a reasonable rate and the rate should be reduced; and

sometimes it was said that all the quanity of Jolam of the Association would be purchased at the rate of Rs 8 per Palla or at any other rate that would be fixed by them. So the Association is quite at a loss to know what the Davangeri authorities would do in the matter. It appears that they do not wish to treat the Association with consideration. They seem to pay no heed to the request of the Association. They say that they do not make any difference between a merchant whose sole intention is speculation and profiteering and the Association which runs a shop on charity basis and not for any profit. When things have come to this pass the Association called a Meeting and resolved thereat that it should appeal to you for redress and that two of its members should wait on you and present a representation in person. In accordance with that resolution this representation is presented to you.

(7) The Association begs respectfully to submit that as observed above its object is charitable and philanthropic. It has been giving substantial relief to the suffering poor by selling grain at cost-price and sometimes at some loss. In support of this statement the Association begs to refer you to the certificates given by Mr. Mountford, the Commissioner S. D. and Mr. Turner, the Collector of Dharwar, and the copies of the certificates are appended herewith.

(8) The Association made the purchase of the Jolam and Ragi in question about 4 months ago and before it came to know of the order of the Mysore Government prohibiting exports from their Province.

(9) The Jolam purchased by the Association being stored in bags in a godown, there is a great danger of its being distroyed by insects.

(10) The Association begs to submit that if it be not allowed by you to take the grain purchased by it to Hubli it will have to suffer a loss of about Rs 12,000.

(11) In view of the charitable objects of the Association and the facts that they have secured capital on the clear

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understanding that it will be returned to the donors and that the present balance of the Sinking Fund is not sufficient to meet the above estimated loss of Rs 12,000 the Association respectfully leaves it to you to consider whether your beneficent and sympathetic Government should cause loss to it and make it unable to discharge its obligations. The Association ventures to submit that in view of the large quantity of grain required by your province or by Davangeri town every day, the quantity of grain purchased by the Association is infinitely small. It is nothing but a trifle; it will not do any appreciable benefit to the province; but on the other hand if the Association be allowed to take it to Hubli it will be of immense advantage to it. It will be able to sell the grain at Hubli at the same rates at which it was purchased and thereby alleviate the sufferings of the poor classes and also avoid the loss that will be caused to it by the detention of the grain in your Province.

For these reasons the Association prays that you will be graciously pleased to allow it to take to Hubli all the 897 Jolam bags and 347 Ragi bags, or if such a concession cannot be made in its favour then to make such an order as will not entail any loss on it. The Association further requests that you will be pleased to make the order as early as possible as the Jolam which is now stored in a godown is in the course of being spoiled by insects and will consequently cause a very heavy loss to the Association.

And the Association, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Bangalore,
November 1918.

K. P. Valvekar
Chairman Grain Assn.
D S Chitguppi

Office of the Commissioner, S. D.

Belgaum, 12-10-1918.

Mr. Valvekar is the Chairman of the Hubli Grain Association which was established purely in order to supply cheap grain under supervison at cost price to the people of Hubli & round about.

The association has been working for over six months and has done excellent work. I have inspected it myself.

(Sd) L. J. Mountford

Commissioner S.D.

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Section 21
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To

K. R. Valvekar Esqr
Chairman Grain Association
Hubli.

Sir

With reference to your application of the 29th Nov 1918 addressed to the Dewan of Mysore requesting permission for the grant to export certain quantities of Jowari &c.

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from Davangere to Hubli, I
am directed to state that
under the present circumstances
of food supply in the State,
it is not possible to allow
the export of the commodities
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Yours etc

27/12/18

for Chief Secy

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Copy to the Revenue Secy with reference to
his D.O. letter no. 756 of 21.12.18
(2) the Food Controller
(3) the Dr of Civil Supplies

By

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for Chief Secy

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